

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE**

Filed with a Request For Continued Examination, this is responsive to the Office Action of May 1, 2006. Reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks: